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One killed, one missing as wild elephant invades Oyo community



The lifeless body of one Ibrahim Tijani, aged 45 years, has been recovered by men of the Nigerian Police, **Oyo State** Command following the invasion of Innayin community, Oke Ogun area of the state by a wild elephant.

Another resident, Muhammadu Bingin, aged 50 years, has been reported missing in the community.

The incidents followed the invasion of the community by a wild elephant at about 3:30 pm on Thursday.

Confirming the development, the Police Public Relations Officer, Ayanlade Olayinka, said while the deceased had been deposited in the morgue, a search team was on the trail of the animal.

He assured residents of Innayin and the adjoining communities that the situation was being closely monitored, and all necessary measures were being taken to prevent further harm.

Ayanlade said: "The Oyo State Police Command wishes to inform members of the public of an unfortunate incident that occurred on Thursday, 23rd April, 2026, at about 1530HRS, involving the invasion of Innayin Community by a wild elephant.

"Upon receiving a distress call, police operatives, in collaboration with local vigilantes and hunters, swiftly mobilised to the scene.

"On arrival, the lifeless body of one Ibrahim Tijani 'M', aged 45 years, was discovered in a nearby bush with injuries consistent with an animal attack.

"His remains have been evacuated to the General Hospital, Iwere-Ile, for necessary medical examination and preservation.

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"During ongoing search operations, another individual identified as Alhaji Muhammadu Bingin 'M', aged 50 years was reported missing after an encounter with the same animal.

"Intensive efforts are currently underway to locate him.

"The Command wishes to reassure residents of Innayin and adjoining communities that the situation is being closely managed, and all necessary measures are being taken to prevent further harm.

"Members of the public are strongly advised to avoid the affected area and report any sighting of the animal to security agencies promptly.

"While efforts are ongoing to secure the community, the Command emphasises the importance of handling such incidents with due regard to wildlife conservation laws.

Relevant authorities, including the National Park Service Nigeria, are being engaged to provide expert guidance on safely managing the situation.

"The Commissioner of Police, Oyo State Command, Abimbola Ayodeji Olugbenga, reassured the public of the Command's commitment to safety and urged calm.

"We understand the concerns this incident has generated within the community. Our officers are fully on ground working with relevant stakeholders to secure the area and prevent further casualties.